

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 91-040-C - ORDER NO. 91-1142 ✓
DECEMBER 18, 1991

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| IN RE: Certification of Providers |) | ORDER DENYING |
| or Owners of Coin or Coinless |) | PETITION TO INTERVENE |
| Operated Telephone Service. |) | OUT OF TIME |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of the Division of Information Resource Management (DIRM) of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for leave to intervene as a formal party of record in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of its Petition to Intervene Out of Time, DIRM asserts that it was unaware that the instant proceeding included the issue of compensation to COCOTS for "dial around" activity until after business hours on Friday, November 22, 1991. DIRM further asserts that it is keenly interested in this issue since it has a direct and material effect upon the interest of State agencies and educational institutions.

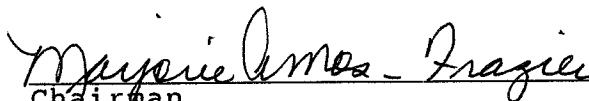
Although DIRM further asserts that it does not wish to reopen or otherwise further delay the processing of this docket, the Commission notes that the closing date for persons to intervene as a party of record in this docket was February 15, 1991. A hearing

was scheduled and held on October 17, 1991. DIRM's Petition was received at the Commission offices on November 27, 1991, and accepted on or about December 3, 1991, a date some nine months after the closing date and six weeks after the close of the hearing. Although the Commission believes that the comments of DIRM would be worthwhile and pertinent to the docket, the Commission cannot accept a Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed so long after the closing date established in the case for intervention and after the close of the hearing.

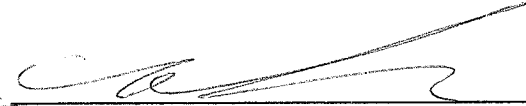
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Petition to Intervene Out of Time filed on behalf of DIRM is hereby denied.
2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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